

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: HANNIG, Hans-Jurgen et al.

Examiner: Ernesto Garcia

Application Ser. No.: 10/019,195

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For: PANEL AND PANEL FASTENING SYSTEM



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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner:

This amendment is being timely submitted in response to the Examiner's official action mailed 09/09/2004, a final rejection. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 for the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Enclosed herewith is a clean substitute specification for filing in the above-identified application. A marked up copy of the specification showing the changes as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c) is also provided. No new matter has been entered.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 21-32; and add new claims 33-44 as noted on the pages that follow.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Applicants submit, for consideration, the accompanying replacement drawings for Figures 2, 3, and 13, which have been amended, as appropriate, according to the Examiner's objections. Applicants respectfully request consideration and authorization by the Examiner to replace the same.